

REMARKS**STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18-22, 25, 26-37, 39-53 are currently pending in the application. Of these, claims 1, 7, 13, 14, 22, 36 and 49-52 are independent. No new matter is introduced by this amendment. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

ELECTION OF CLAIMS TO PROSECUTE

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 5, 2007, the Applicant hereby respectfully elects Species A: Represented by Fig. 2 and further requests reconsideration of the requirement. Species A: Represented by Fig. 2 is read on by Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18-22, 25, 26-37, 39-53.

REMARKS IN SUPPORT OF APPLICANT'S ELECTION OF CLAIMS

The third Restriction Requirement dated July 5, 2007 withdrew the second Restriction Requirement dated on March 21, 2007 and substituted the third Restriction Requirement, asserting that the application contains claims directed to the following species of the claimed invention:

Species A: Represented by Fig. 2;

Species B: Represented by Fig. 5;

Species C: Represented by Fig. 11.

Applicant responds that Species A: Represented by Fig. 2 is read on by Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18-22, 25, 26-37, 39-53, as shown by the following annotated claims reading on Figure 2.

ANNOTATED CLAIMS READING ON FIGURE 2.

1. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Previously Presented) A method of processing information in a communications device 110, comprising:

(a) receiving from a first remote device 108 content encrypted with a content key;

(b) transmitting a request for the content key to a second remote device 106, the second remote device authorized to act on behalf of a provider of the content;

said second remote device receiving the content key encrypted with a public key of the second remote device;

(c) receiving from the second remote device an encrypted version of the content key, wherein the encrypted version of the content key is encrypted with a public key of the communications device; and

(d) decrypting the encrypted version of the content key with a private key of the communications device, the private key of the communications device corresponding to the public key of the communications device.

2. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein step (b) comprises transmitting the public key of the communications device 110 to the second remote device.

3-5. (Canceled)

6. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving one or more usage rules from the first remote device 108, wherein the usage rules correspond to the content;

transmitting the one or more usage rules to the second remote device 106;

receiving one or more modified usage rules from the second remote device; and

associating the one or more modified usage rules with the content.

7. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Previously Presented) A communications device 110, comprising:

a first communications interface adapted to receive from a first remote device 108 content encrypted with a content key;

a module adapted to decrypt an encrypted version of the content key with a private key of the communications device 110; and

a second communications interface adapted to

(a) transmit a request for the content key to a second remote device 106, the second remote device authorized to act on behalf of a provider 104 of the content,

said second remote device receiving the content key encrypted with a public key of the second remote device;

and

(b) receive from the second remote device an encrypted version of the content key, wherein the encrypted version of the content key is encrypted with a public key of the communications device, the public key of the communications device corresponding to the private key of the communications device.

8. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The device of claim 7, wherein the request includes the public key of the communications device 110.

9-11. (Canceled)

12. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The device of claim 7, wherein the first communications interface is further adapted to receive one or more usage rules from the first remote device 108, the usage rules corresponding to the content; and

wherein the second communications interface is further adapted to transmit the one or more usage rules to the second remote device 106; and to receive one or more modified usage rules from the second remote device.

13. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Previously Presented) A communications device 110, comprising:

means for receiving from a first remote device 108 content encrypted with a content key;

means for transmitting a request for the content key to a second remote device 106, the second remote device authorized to act on behalf of a provider 104 of the content;

said second remote device receiving the content key encrypted with a public key of the second remote device;

means for receiving from the second remote device an encrypted version of the content key, wherein the encrypted version of the content key is encrypted with a public key of the communications device; and

means for decrypting the encrypted version of the content key with a private key of the communications device, the private key of the communications device corresponding to the public key of the communications device.

14. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Previously Presented) A system, comprising:

a communications device 110 adapted to receive from a remote device 108 a content item encrypted with a content key;

the communications device being further adapted to transmit a request for the content key to an authorized agent 106;

said authorized agent receiving the content key encrypted with a public key of the authorized agent;

and

said authorized agent authorized to act on behalf of a content distributor 104, the authorized agent adapted to provide the content key to the communications device.

15. (Canceled)

16. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14 ~~15~~, wherein the request includes a public key of the communications device.

17. (Canceled)

18. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the authorized agent 106 is further adapted to provide to the communications device 110 the content key encrypted with a public key of the communications device.

19. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The system of claim 14, further comprising the content distributor 104.

20. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The system of claim 19, further comprising the remote device 108;

wherein the remote device receives the content item from the content distributor 104.

21. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the communications device 110, the remote device 108, and the authorized agent 106 communicate with each other across one or more wireless communications networks.

22. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Previously Presented) A method of facilitating distribution of content among devices, in an authorized agent 106, comprising:

- (a) receiving authorization to act on behalf of a content distributor 104;
- (b) receiving from a communications device 110 a request for a content key;
said authorized agent receiving the content key encrypted with a public key of the authorized agent, the content key for decrypting a content item originally distributed by the content distributor;
- (c) encrypting the content key with a public key of the communications device; and
- (d) transmitting to the communications device the content key encrypted with the public key of the communications device.

23-24. (Canceled)

25. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Previously Presented) A method of facilitating distribution of content among devices, in an authorized agent 106, comprising:

- (a) receiving authorization to act on behalf of a content distributor 104;
- (b) receiving a content key encrypted with the public key of the authorized agent 106;
- (c) receiving from a communications device 110 a request for the content key, the content key for decrypting a content item originally distributed by the content distributor;
- (d) encrypting the content key with a public key of the communications device; and
- (e) transmitting to the communications device the content key encrypted with the public key of the communications device.

26. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25 23, wherein step (c) comprises receiving the public key of the communications device 110.

27. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The method of claim 26, further comprising:
decrypting the content key encrypted with the public key of the authorized agent 106; and
encrypting the content key with the public key of the communications device 110.
28. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The method of claim 22, further comprising:
receiving one or more usage rules from the communications device 110, the one or more
usage rules corresponding to the content item;
modifying the one or more usage rules; and
transmitting the one or more modified usage rules to the communications device.
29. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein said modifying step is
performed in accordance with one or more modification limitations.
30. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the one or more
modification limitations includes at least one of a temporal limitation, a content type limitation,
and a specific content limitation.
31. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the one or more
modification limitations are imposed by the content distributor 104.
32. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein the one or more usage
rules are encrypted with a public key of the authorized agent 106.
33. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein the one or more
modified usage rules are encrypted with a public key of the communications device 110.
34. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein step (d) is performed
when one or more content distribution conditions are satisfied.

35. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein the one or more content distribution conditions includes a payment from the communications device 110.

36. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Previously Presented) An authorized agent 106, comprising:

- a first communications interface adapted to receive authorization to act on behalf of the content distributor 104 and further adapted to receive the content key encrypted with a public key of the authorized agent;

- a module adapted to encrypt a content key with a public key of the communications device 110, the content key for decrypting a content item originally distributed by the content distributor 104; and

- a second communications interface adapted to receive from a communications device 110 a request for the content key, and transmit to the communications device the content key encrypted with the public key of the communications device.

37. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Previously Presented) An authorized agent 106, comprising:

- a first communications interface adapted to receive authorization to act on behalf of the content distributor 104;

- a module adapted to encrypt a content key with a public key of the communications device 110, the content key for decrypting a content item originally distributed by the content distributor; and

- a second communications interface adapted to receive from a communications device 110 a request for the content key, and transmit to the communications device the content key encrypted with the public key of the communications device.

38. (Canceled)

39. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The authorized agent of claim 37, wherein the request further includes the public key of the communications device 110.

40. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The authorized agent of claim 39, further comprising a module adapted to decrypt the content key encrypted with the public key of the authorized agent 106.

41. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The authorized agent of claim 36, further comprising a rules module adapted to modify one or more usage rules received from the communications device 110; and

wherein the second communications interface is further adapted to send the one or more modified rules to the communications device 110.

42. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The authorized agent 106 of claim 41, wherein said rules module is further adapted to modify the one or more usage rules in accordance with one or more modification limitations.

43. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The authorized agent of claim 42, wherein the one or more modification limitations includes at least one of a temporal limitation, a content type limitation, and a specific content limitation.

44. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The authorized agent of claim 42, wherein the one or more modification limitations are imposed by the content distributor.

45. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The authorized agent of claim 41, wherein the one or more usage rules are encrypted with a public key of the authorized agent

46. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The authorized agent 106 of claim 41, wherein the one or more modified usage rules are encrypted with a public key of the communications device 110.

47. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The authorized agent of claim 36, wherein said second communications interface is further adapted to transmit the content key encrypted with the public key of the communications device 110 when one or more content distribution conditions are satisfied.

48. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Original) The authorized agent 106 of claim 47, wherein the one or more content distribution conditions includes a payment from the communications device 110.

49. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Previously Presented) A system, comprising:

means for receiving authorization to act on behalf of a content distributor 104;

means for receiving from a communications device 110 a request for a content key;

means for receiving the content key encrypted with a public key of an authorized agent 106, the content key for decrypting a content item originally distributed by the content distributor;

means for encrypting the content key with a public key of the communications device 110; and

means for transmitting to the communications device the content key encrypted with the public key of the communications device.

50. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Previously Presented) A system, comprising:

a content distributor 104 adapted to transmit a digital television broadcast, an authorized agent 106 authorized to act on behalf of the content distributor; and

a communications device 110 adapted to receive the digital television broadcast from the content distributor 104 ;

wherein the communications device 110 is further adapted to encrypt a content key with the public key of the authorized agent 106 for encrypting the digital television broadcast.

51. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Previously Presented) A communications device 110, comprising:

a communications interface adapted to receive from a content distributor 104 a digital television broadcast and a public encryption key of an authorized agent 106, the authorized agent authorized to act on behalf of the content distributor; and

a security processing module adapted to encrypt a key with the public key of the authorized agent 106 for encrypting the digital television broadcast .

52. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Previously Presented) A method of processing information in a communications device, comprising:

(a) receiving from a first remote device 108 content encrypted with a content key and a first usage rule for the content;

(b) transmitting a request for the content key and said first usage rule to a second remote device 106, the second remote device authorized to act on behalf of a provider of the content 104;

(c) receiving from the second remote device 106 an encrypted version of the content key and a modified usage rule for the content, wherein the encrypted version of the content key is encrypted with a public key of the communications device 110; and

(d) decrypting the encrypted version of the content key with a private key of the communications device 110, the private key of the communications device corresponding to the public key of the communications device.

53. (READ ON FIGURE 2) (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52, wherein step (a) further comprises:

said second remote device 106 receiving the content key encrypted with a public key of the second remote device.

54. (Canceled)

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION:

The Applicant incorporates by reference the remarks in the Applicant's amendment of April 13, 2007, that all of the claims now in the case are generic claims to the three disclosed species A, B, and C representing Figures 2, 5, and 11, respectively, i.e. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18-22, 25, 26-37, 39-53. The applicant requests reconsideration of the requirement of restriction based on the Applicant's April 13, 2007 remarks.

AUTHORIZATION

The Response is timely filed. Thus, no fee is due by filing of this paper. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for timely consideration of this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4143.

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